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1. WE BELIEVE THAT PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN LIFSCHULTZ CASE IS THAT HE IS A WORKING AMERICAN JOURNALIST. THUS WE FEEL AN EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE TO GOI IS IN ORDER IF YOU CONCLUDE THAT THE INDIANS HAVE REFUSED TO RENEW HIS VISA BECAUSE OF LIFSCHULTZ'S ARTICLE IN THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW OR OTHER NORMAL JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO NOT TAKE ACTION UNTIL OUTCOME OF HIS APPEAL TO GOI IS KNOWN.

2. FYI: WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW IS NOW "CONTROLLED" BY DOW JONES, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO
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